

10/575,886

- 6 -

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful telephone conference on January 3, 2008 in which the Examiner stated that the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 but in good condition for being considered allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-6 and 9-18 are pending in the application. In the Office Action at hand, Claims 1-6 and 9-18 are rejected.

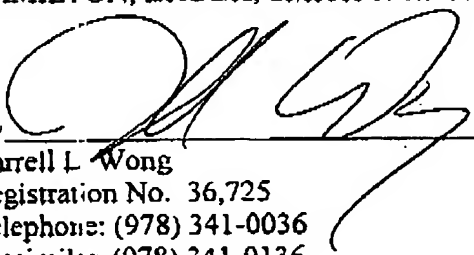
The Abstract is corrected as requested by the Examiner. In addition, Claim 1 has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and the language pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 1-6 and 9-18, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By 
Darrell L. Wong
Registration No. 36,725
Telephone: (978) 341-0036
Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133

Date: April 15, 2008